

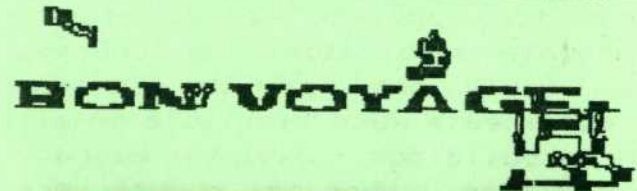
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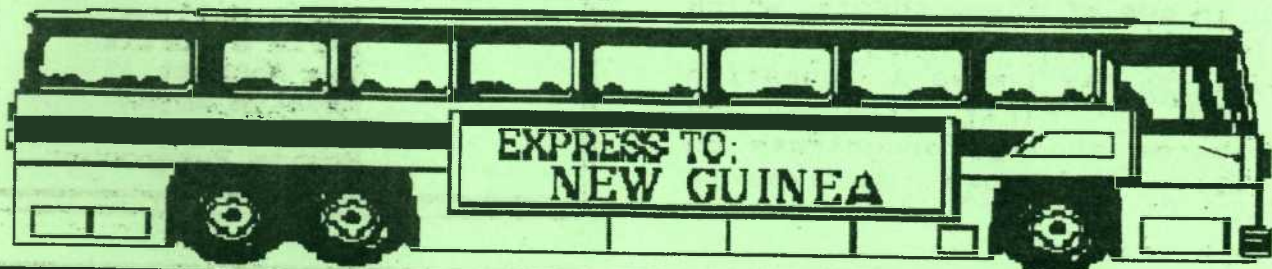


John Fitzgerald, assistant registrar and 1988 graduate of St. Joseph's College has gone to Papua, New Guinea as a member of the Peace Corps. New Guinea is an island located North of Australia. John will be teaching English to the third world students in either a state run or missionary school. He will learn some of the native languages, tribal languages and various aspects of the culture during his three months of on-the-scene training. At the same time, he will be teaching English.



Although John will miss his family, girlfriend, and friends, he is looking forward to the adventure, enriching learning experience and the opportunity to help others. In being a part of the Peace Corps, he is also serving the United States. He, like other members, present a good image of Americans as caring and dedicated good-will ambassadors. John will be serving for two years and won't return to the United States until about 1991. He is not taking much with him; clothes, tapes, an anthology, and various other books -- A true English major! When John does return, he plans to go back to school for a Master's Degree and would like to teach High School in New York. His experience and newly gained knowledge will surely be a lot of help in the classroom. When asked what message he would like to leave to St. Joseph students, John responded that he would like them to take the school motto "*Esse Non Videri - To be, Not To Seem*" seriously, because in life we must be and not just pretend to be. Well, John is living up to that motto by being an active and helpful participant in life. He is sure to make our school proud. We at The Spirit wish John the best of luck. He will be missed!

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AN OPEN LETTER TO SJC STUDENTS

Dear Students,

A few weeks ago, you may have (or should have) noticed on various bulletin boards, both the list of courses proposed for the Spring semester and a note asking you to complete a sheet to indicate combinations of courses you would need in the Spring. These sheets were available in all three buildings - 245, the Library and Dillon. When the sheets were filled out, you were to return them to a box in the Registrar's Office. From the total population of this college, less than 20 sheets were returned! The only explanation I can think of is that you did not feel that any attention would be given them.

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Let me assure you, that is NOT the case. When we make up the schedule, we pay attention not only to the requests made by the Chairpersons that certain courses should not conflict, but also to the sheets submitted by the students, who have the most interest in how the schedule turns out. Many times in the past, (I was Registrar for twelve years 1974-1986), I know that students were disappointed, not to say frustrated, when they were unable to take certain courses they needed at the proper time. In most cases, these same students had not bothered to complete and hand in one of these sheets, which would have alerted me to their needs. May I make a Suggestion or two? First, Freshmen and Sophomores should concentrate on fulfilling the core requirements

as soon as possible. When you reach Junior year and still need a lab science, it may be extremely difficult to fit into your program along with the requirements of your Major. The core courses are usually scheduled for the first two years. Then Juniors and Seniors may be a little more free to concentrate on the courses needed for their Major. Your efforts are always considered carefully and every effort is made to satisfy them, although this is not always possible. However, it is possible to make a schedule so that you will be able to take the courses you really need, if you have been cooperative with this process during your years in college. Thank you very much. Sincerely,

Sister M. Amata

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The Party's Over!



Editorial

by Michelle Radix

Well folks, it is finally all over! As of Nov. 8, 1988 the United States has a new President-Elect: Vice-President George Bush. It was a long and grueling election, not only for the candidates, but for the people as well.

Our nation had turned into such a mad state of affairs, that what has started out as a good clean campaign ended up

with a grammar school "tete a' tete" between the two main candidates. Let's face some reality here. In my opinion,

this kind of campaigning should be kept under control.

It takes away from the ethics of the campaign, and we,

the people, forget what or why we should vote. I blame all of this of course, on the media. Yes, the same gracious people who bring you entertainment! They played up this "tete-a'-tete" campaign to the hilt. That's enough of my personal opinion on this matter; let's analyze the results. Although Bush dominated the South as well as the majority of the states, Dukakis took our fair state of New York by storm. Beating Bush by 252,142 votes was enough to give the Republican a run for his money. Late in the game, Dukakis came back fighting in other states as well, but as I said it was late in the game. An added plus for us is that the majority of the Senate is Democratic.

This I am very glad to say includes our own Senator Daniel Moynihan. This reassures New York that Bush will not have an easy time, and will be watched very closely.

So, buckle up your seat-belts, for yet another Great Adventure Republican Ride. Stand by to watch your taxes rise, and your financial aid become non-existent.

It's going to be a rough two years, so hold on tight!!!

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Election Day at The Dillon Center

by Bernadette Artus and
Dorothy Lubrssen

The votes are in and the ballots have been counted. The decisions made will change the world. On election day, the Dillon Center kindergarten class got involved in the spirit with their own big election. This election was very important to them.

It would affect their future. Sister Pat explained how this helps them get involved with everything that is taking place on election day. After all, these are the future voters of the United States.

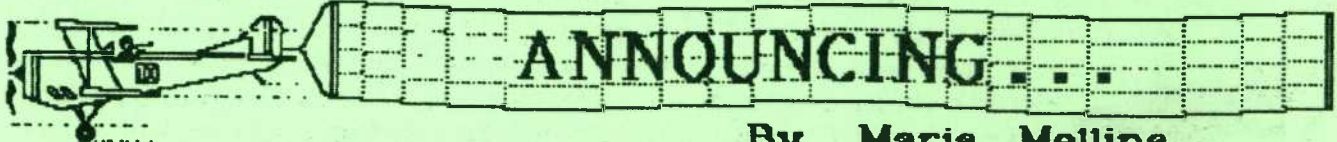
An actual voting section was set up with booths to vote in and a sign-in book. All the ballots were secret on this day, just like in the real election. The day before, the children even had to fill out a voter registration card. After interviewing the children, it was obvious that they felt this election important since it directly affected them. How? The Dillon Center election decided what the children would have for their Thanksgiving celebration. Many of them said that they liked voting because it was fun. They voted because, "Sister Pat told me to", or "to help decide." They also thought it was important because



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older, some day they would be voting in a real election like their parents. Although the Dillon election only decided between apples and oranges, some voters had their own views on who should have been elected president. After the votes were tallied, grape juice, oranges, hot dogs, cake, and chocolate ice cream were the winners. In conclusion, Gabrielle, a kindergarten voter, summed it up as follows, "I voted 'cause I wanted to eat chocolate."



By Maria Mellina

St. Joseph's Registrar's has another new member. Her name is Mary Francis and She has taken the place of John Fitzgerald as Assistant to the Registrar. Although we were sorry to see John leave, we are pleased that it will be Mary who will be taking his place.

Mary has worked as a receptionist at a law office, and also as a secretary at Cadman Memorial Church. When asked what expectations she had about working at SJC, she answered, "I think it will be really different from my other jobs. I think I will have more to do here. "The people here are nice, friendly, and very helpful, especially Lisa (Freeland, Registrar), and S. Margaret Buckley. I also like dealing with the students. My children went to the Dillon Center when they were young, so I feel like I've come full circle to be back at St. Joseph's -- working". So far, Mary says she finds the job interesting and enjoyable. "I go home and tell my children what I did during the day. I look forward to what I could do next. I feel like a helper and I like that."



Thank you!

The project of selling sweatshirts for Speech 106 has officially ended. The profits from the sweatshirts will be going toward the purchase of a microwave oven for the Red Room. The Speech 106 class would like to thank everyone for their support. We hope you enjoy the sweatshirts and the microwave, which is soon to come.

Best Wishes
for a

Merry Christmas

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THREE CHEERS FOR THE CHEERLEADERS!!

by Frank Cashman

The unsung heroes, or in this case heroines, of St. Joseph's College have to be the cheerleaders. They are one of the many reasons to come to the basketball games. The basketball players might have their off days, but our cheerleaders never turn in anything less than a spectacular performance.

The 1988 squad seems to be better than ever. A fresh life has been instilled in the cheerleaders by the three new captains -- Maureen Mullaly, Filomena Scibelli, and



Christine Meagher. Under their leadership, the cheerleaders hope to better school spirit and enthusiasm as they cheer our basketball team to victory. Cheerleading has become so popular at St. Joseph's this year that they have doubled the number of members. Freshmen made up a good number of this year's group. These promising young cheerleaders are bringing their high school experience to the well-seasoned line. These young ladies must realize that it takes hard work, lots of practice and dedication.

The cheerleaders are looking forward to an exciting new season. They will be sporting new royal blue and white uniforms with the SJC logo. They intend to add several new cheers to their ever-expanding repertoire. They also hope to cheer at many more games, both home and away. The cheerleaders have one simple plea for the SJC students: Show you school spirit by coming to the games!

MOVIES U2 RATTLE & HUM

One of the band members describes this rockumentary with a simple yet accurate phrase: "It's a musical journey." After an hour and forty-five minutes, one has a better idea of where U2 is coming from but like the band, it leaves it open as to where they are going. As the song so clearly says, they still haven't found what they are looking for. In fact, a gripping version of the song is rendered when they visit a Harlem church to perform with The New Voices Of Freedom. So even along this journey, established material somehow goes under transformation from rock and roll to Gospel. The group's fascination with American rock and roll is evident in the first portion of the movie which introduces such new songs as: "Desire", "Angel of Harlem", and "When Love Comes to Town." These are tributes to Bo Diddley, Billie Holiday, and B.B. King, respectively. Yet another stop along the way is at Graceland, where the band seems to enjoy the tour of the grounds; yet, they are saddened by the commercialization of Elvis' life and Death. The director, Phil Joanou, uses the change in mood to segue into the concert portion of the film which begins with a dark emotional rendition of "BAD". At this point the movie

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truly becomes a concert and songs such as "Where The Streets Have No Name", "MLK", "With or Without You", "Bullet the Blue Sky", "Sunday Bloody Sunday", and "Pride (In The Name of Love)" are presented in U2's passionate and distinctive style. Even the rolling credits hold the audience's attention because of the new song entitled "All I Want is You" which is played over them. The movie is filmed predominantly in black and white which works well for the theatricality and power of the songs. Although the interviews are brief, one does get a glimpse of their personalities, sense of humor, and dedication and that's what Bono, Larry, The Edge, and Adam wanted all along. Their objective has been to take the audience on a musical journey and this mesmerizing, melodic and passionate film has done just that!



Crunch Lunch

by Theresa McFeeley

the "college crunch," was created at St. Joe's a few years back. The idea was that Sophomores could help Freshmen adjust to the pressures of mid-terms, term papers, and all that other fun stuff. With finals coming up, it's time to review the optimism of that day. Present were some of the college's familiar faces such as S. Margaret Buckley, Sherrie VanArnam, Eileen Mullen, Debbie DeJohn, and Marie Marrone. And let's not forget Louise Rose of the English Department who humorously tried to calm students with details of her own "neurotic" life. Sophomore Patrick Regnier, too, added his words of encouragement. So let's sum all this up. There were a bunch of Freshmen, a few Sophs, some advisors and someone videotaping the whole event (watch out Candid Camera!) There was a raffle for a jacket and another for two sweatshirts. There was free food, (even Nestle's Crunch Bars ... how appropriate!), soda, and SJC pens (don't laugh, they come in handy now and then). What everyone was trying to say was: "Have as much fun as possible, but beware ... the SJC blender may be waiting for you." Now we know how right they were.

Back again with a Freshman point of view. The Freshman-Sophomore CrunchLunch took place on October 25th. This luncheon, which was designed to help Freshmen deal with



Merry Christmas

